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| For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>          | ) |                                  |
| <b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>              | ) | <b>Customer No. 35489</b>        |
| <b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>   | ) |                                  |
| <b>ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME</b>    | ) |                                  |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060228), in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following arguments. This Response is timely filed with a concurrent Request for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

**Currently Pending Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.